

he received his B.A. degree from the College of William and Mary, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1990, he graduated from Yale Law School. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to Judge David M. Ebel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In 1991, he joined Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz as a litigation associate.

In 1994, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney. During his tenure in the office, he served in a variety of leadership positions. In 1999, he was put in charge of the Office's General Crimes Unit and later became chief of the Narcotics Unit. In 2002, he was named the founding chief of the newly created International Narcotics Trafficking Unit, which was dedicated to investigating and prosecuting the world's largest narcotics trafficking and money-laundering organizations. From 2002 to 2005, he also served as director of the New York/New Jersey Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

In 2005, Mr. Sullivan joined Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., as deputy general counsel for litigation. He still works in that capacity, and since 2006 has also served as the general counsel of Marsh Inc., the world's largest insurance broker and risk management firm. Marsh & McLennan Companies is the parent company of Marsh Inc.

The American Bar Association has unanimously rated Mr. Sullivan "Well Qualified." The seat to which he is nominated has been designated a "judicial emergency" by the nonpartisan Administrative Office of the Courts. I hope my fellow Senators will vote to confirm Mr. Sullivan.

And finally, Madam President, I seek recognition to discuss the nomination of Joseph S. Van Bokkelen to be a District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

President Bush nominated Mr. Van Bokkelen on January 9, 2007. A hearing was held on his nomination on April 11 and the Senate Judiciary Committee reported his nomination favorably on May 3. He is a highly qualified nominee with extensive experience both as a prosecutor and in private practice.

In 1966, Mr. Van Bokkelen received his B.A. degree from Indiana University. In 1969, he graduated from Indiana University School of Law. After graduating law school, Mr. Van Bokkelen joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, serving as deputy attorney general and subsequently as assistant attorney general. In 1972, he became an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, where he served until 1975.

Between 1975 and 2001, he worked in private practice as a partner—first at Wilson, Donnesberger, Van Bokkelen & Reid and then at Goodman, Ball, Van Bokkelen & Leonard, P.C. His practice has focused on litigation, both civil and criminal. Between 1983 and 1985, he served as a special prosecutor to inves-

tigate the murder of a prominent politician and lawyer in Lake County, IN.

Since 2001, Mr. Van Bokkelen has served as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana. His courtroom experience is extensive. Over the course of his career, he has tried over 100 cases to verdict. The American Bar Association has unanimously rated Mr. Van Bokkelen "Well Qualified."

I urge my fellow Senators to support this nomination.

Madam President, I know everybody is anxious to conclude these matters. They ought not be noncontroversial. Again, we have Benjamin Hale Settle, for the Western District of Washington; Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, for the Northern District of Indiana; Richard J. Sullivan, for the Southern District of New York.

All have excellent academic records and professional records and passed through the Judiciary Committee. I recommend that my colleagues vote for them.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

NOMINATION OF BENJAMIN HALE SETTLE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHN-SON) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 237 Ex.]

YEAS—99

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| Akaka | Crapo | Lieberman |
| Alexander | DeMint | Lincoln |
| Allard | Dodd | Lott |
| Barrasso | Dole | Lugar |
| Baucus | Domenici | Martinez |
| Bayh | Dorgan | McCain |
| Bennett | Durbin | McCaskill |
| Biden | Ensign | McConnell |
| Bingaman | Enzi | Menendez |
| Bond | Feingold | Mikulski |
| Boxer | Feinstein | Murkowski |
| Brown | Graham | Murray |
| Brownback | Grassley | Nelson (FL) |
| Bunning | Gregg | Nelson (NE) |
| Burr | Hagel | Obama |
| Byrd | Harkin | Pryor |
| Cantwell | Hatch | Reed |
| Cardin | Hutchison | Reid |
| Carper | Inhofe | Roberts |
| Casey | Inouye | Rockefeller |
| Chambliss | Isakson | Salazar |
| Clinton | Kennedy | Sanders |
| Coburn | Kerry | Schumer |
| Cochran | Klobuchar | Sessions |
| Coleman | Kohl | Shelby |
| Collins | Kyl | Smith |
| Conrad | Landrieu | Snowe |
| Corker | Lautenberg | Specter |
| Cornyn | Leahy | Stabenow |
| Craig | Levin | Stevens |

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Webb
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Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Johnson

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF RICHARD SULLIVAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Madam President, for all Members, this will be our last vote. There will be a voice vote following this vote. On Monday, July 9, starting at 5:30 p.m., maybe even 5:15 p.m., we will have a series of three or four roll-call votes.

Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays on this nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be U.S. district judge for the Southern District of New York?

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHN-SON) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 238 Ex.]

YEAS—99

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| Akaka | Dole | McCaskill |
| Alexander | Domenici | McConnell |
| Allard | Dorgan | Menendez |
| Barrasso | Durbin | Mikulski |
| Baucus | Ensign | Murkowski |
| Bayh | Enzi | Murray |
| Bennett | Feingold | Nelson (FL) |
| Biden | Feinstein | Nelson (NE) |
| Bingaman | Graham | Obama |
| Bond | Grassley | Pryor |
| Boxer | Gregg | Reed |
| Brown | Hagel | Reid |
| Brownback | Harkin | Roberts |
| Bunning | Hatch | Rockefeller |
| Burr | Hutchison | Salazar |
| Byrd | Inhofe | Sanders |
| Cantwell | Inouye | Schumer |
| Cardin | Isakson | Sessions |
| Carper | Kennedy | Shelby |
| Casey | Kerry | Smith |
| Chambliss | Klobuchar | Snowe |
| Clinton | Kohl | Specter |
| Coburn | Kyl | Stabenow |
| Cochran | Landrieu | Stevens |
| Coleman | Lautenberg | Sununu |
| Collins | Leahy | Tester |
| Conrad | Levin | Thune |
| Corker | Lieberman | Vitter |
| Cornyn | Lincoln | Voinovich |
| Craig | Lott | Warner |
| Crapo | Lugar | Webb |
| DeMint | Martinez | Whitehouse |
| Dodd | McCain | Wyden |

NOT VOTING—1

Johnson

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF JOSEPH S. VAN BOKKELEN TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the northern district of Indiana.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I appreciate this opportunity to support the President's nomination of Joseph S. Van Bokkelen to serve as a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

I would first like to thank Senate Judiciary chairman, PAT LEAHY; ranking member, ARLEN SPECTER; and the respective leaders for their important work to facilitate timely consideration of this nomination.

In July of last year, Judge Rudy Lozano informed me of his decision to assume senior status after a distinguished career of public service. He was a remarkable leader on the Federal bench, and I applaud his leadership to Indiana and to the legal community.

Given this upcoming vacancy and the need for strong leadership, I was pleased to commend to President Bush Joe Van Bokkelen to serve on the Federal court in the Northern District of Indiana.

I have known Joe for many years, and I have always been impressed with his high energy, resolute integrity, and remarkable dedication to public service.

Joe Van Bokkelen attended Indiana University where he received both his undergraduate and law degrees. He then served in the Indiana Attorney General's Office followed by his first experience in the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District.

After many years of private practice, Joe assumed his current position of United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana on September 21, 2001. His performance in this position has been nothing short of remarkable. He has undertaken the most aggressive public corruption initiative in the history of the office. Since 2002, over 30 public officials have been indicted and convicted. Joe has also used his office to target the use and possession of illegal firearms, combat gang activity, implement drug demand reduction programs, and cultivate community partnerships.

Likewise, Joe has demonstrated leadership in the Justice Department where he serves on several of the Attorney General's advisory committees, including Violent and Organized Crime, White Collar Crime, Sentencing Guidelines, and the Regional Information Sharing Working Group.

Newspapers across northern Indiana contain articles and editorials applauding his determination to bring about effective law enforcement. The Northwest Indiana Times recently commented that Joe Van Bokkelen "has an excellent track record for the five years he has led the U.S. Attorney's office in Northern Indiana."

Joe has received a number of high performance ratings, including the A.V. rating from Martindale-Hubbell and the highest judicial rating from the American Bar Association.

Outside of his public service, Joe is involved with a number of community activities and civic organizations.

I would again like to thank Chairman LEAHY and Ranking Member SPECTER for their leadership in facilitating consideration of Joe Van Bokkelen's nomination to serve as a Federal judge. I believe that he will demonstrate remarkable leadership to northern Indiana and will appropriately uphold and defend our laws under the Constitution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, motions to reconsider these votes are laid on the table. The President shall be notified of the Senate's actions.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate returns to legislative session.

The minority leader is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask I be allowed to proceed as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today is a day of victory and defeat. So many people have poured so much of themselves into this bill over the last weeks and months, and every one of them deserves our thanks and our respect.

This bill tested the will, and the goodwill, of many people. But it tested some more than others. So first I want to thank those whose position did not prevail.

Senator SPECTER's knowledge of this issue is matched only by his stamina. As the ranking member, he has our admiration and he deserves our thanks.

Senator KYL inspired all of us, flying into his State and facing a lot of angry constituents, and the cameras week after week with optimism, patience and good cheer.

Senator GRAHAM was one of the generals in this effort. He always does what he thinks is right, and Americans admire him for it.

Senator MARTINEZ was another general. He brought intelligence and tenacity to this debate, and a story that never fails to inspire us.

Senator LOTT's a great whip, and a good friend. He has been in this building more than 3 decades, but he has the energy of a freshman. He has been a leader and friend: I thank him for it.

Senator SALAZAR gave a lot of himself to this debate, a lot of time and no little criticism. Thank you.

And finally, it is a marvel of nature to see a man whose calling in life is obvious to anyone who sees him at his job. Senator KENNEDY is such a man. He loves his work, and his passion has inspired us.

Of course, behind all these Senators are a lot of terrific staff members who have worked incredibly hard on this bill. On the Judiciary Committee, there was Michelle Grossman, Lauren Petron, Gavin Young, Lauren Pastarnack, Lynn Feldman, Juria Jones, and most of all Mike O'Neill.

On Senator MCCAIN's staff, Becky Jensen. On Senator GRAHAM's staff there was Matt Rimkunas and Jen Olson. On Senator KYL's staff, Elizabeth Maier and Michael Dougherty. On Senator MARTINEZ's staff, Brian Walsh, Clay Deatherage, and Nilda Pedrosa.

Now I want to thank everyone who opposed the bill.

Senators SESSIONS, DEMINT, and VITTER got us all to sit up and listen closely to a lot of people who thought they had been shut out of this debate. They put the rules of this body to work. And I would take any one of them in a fire-fight.

Senator CORNYN, one of the original architects, deserves our thanks. He has been committed to finding a solution to our Nation's immigration problem for a long time. His contributions on the interior enforcement piece of this bill were a major part of the original compromise. But when he saw it was not a solution he could accept, he told us.

Senator CHAMBLISS told us what the farmers needed, and we listened. We thank him for his important contributions to the bill.

Senator ISAKSON was the author of the trigger concept, which every one now agrees is a good idea.

To everyone involved in the crafting of this bill, I want to thank you. This was a labor of uncommon intensity. It required will, energy, and patience. And while it strained a lot of bonds, it broke none of them. As the majority leader said after the final vote, "We're all still friends here."

As the elected leader of my conference, I stood here in January and opened this session with a pledge. I knew contentious issues always have a better chance of being solved by divided governments, that immigration reform was within our reach, and I said we should put it in our sights.

I also knew it was going to have to be bipartisan if we were going to get a bill at all. So everyone I have mentioned